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## **NEW YORK TROUT SALES DECREASE**

New York trout producers sold a total of 72,000 pounds of trout valued at \$386,000 during the 12 months ending December 31, 2009, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field office. Total production pounds, including all size categories, was down 55 percent from a year ago while total sales were 54 percent below last year.

The 2009 output included 43,000 pounds of trout 12" or longer averaging \$4.89 per pound in value, 26,000 pounds of 6" to 12" trout averaging \$4.59 per pound, and 3,000 pounds of 1" to 6" trout averaging \$453.00 per 1,000 fish.

Trout 12" or longer averaged 1.0 pound in weight, while 6" to 12" trout averaged 0.4 pound. Total weight of trout 12" or longer sold was down 53 percent from 2008. Total weight of 6" to 12" trout was down 66 percent.

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 76.9 million dollars for 2009, a decrease of 4 percent from 2008. Idaho accounted for 47 percent of the total value of fish sold. The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2009 totaled 41.1 million fish, up 2 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.40, up 2 cents from 2008. The value of sales for the 2009 marketing year was 68.6 million dollars, down 5 percent from 2008. For trout 12 inches or longer 62 percent were sold to processors and 19 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments. The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2009 totaled 5.54 million fish, an increase of 9 percent from 2008. The average price per pound was \$2.88 during 2009, down 10 cents from the 2008 price. The total value of sales was 6.57 million dollars during 2009, an 8 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"- 12" trout were to fee and recreational fishing establishments accounting for 44 percent of total sales, followed by government with 15 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2009 totaled 7.93 million, a 12 percent decrease from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$214 during 2009, up from \$159 in 2008. The total value of sales was 1.70 million dollars, up 18 percent from last year's total.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.1 million 12" or longer fish, 63.6 million 6"- 12" fish, and 87.8 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 100 million dollars, down 2 percent from 2008.

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